Integrated Energy Policy

3079. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission is preparing a detailed Integrated Energy Policy report;

(b) if so, when is the report going to be made Public;

(c) to what extent will the Integrated Energy Policy take into account the transmission and distribution aspects of power;

(d) has any time frame been set for State Government's to privatize transmission and distribution of power; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) (a) to (c) An Expert Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission on 12th August, 2004 to prepare an integrated energy policy linked with sustainable development that covers all sources of energy and addresses all aspects including energy security, access and availability, affordability and pricing, efficiency and environment. The Expert Committee is currently deliberating the subject matter. The term of the above Committee has recently been given further extension up to 11th October, 2005.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Effect of closure of Nathpa Jhakri Plant

†3080. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power supply of several States has been affected by the closure of Nathpa Jhakri Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.